

REMARKS

Claims 1–11 and 14–29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1–11 and 14–25 are amended, claims 12 and 13 are canceled, and claims 26–29 are added. Support for the amendments to the claims may be found, for example, in the original claims. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objects to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) for introducing new matter into the disclosure by the Amendment filed August 14, 2006. Although Applicants disagree with the objection, in an effort to expedite prosecution, the specification is amended to cancel the alleged new matter, as set forth above. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

II. Sequence Listing

The specification is amended herein to add the attached Sequence Listing. Support for the Sequence Listing is found in, for example, the specification at page 30, line 21. No new matter is added.

The attached paper copy and computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing are submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The contents of the paper copy and the computer-readable copy of the Sequence Listing are the same.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 1–25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. By this Amendment, claims 1–11 and 14–25 are amended in light of the Examiner's comments and to correct other informalities, and claims

12 and 13 are canceled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejects claims 10–12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Linder et al., Organometallics, Vol. 18, No. 4, pp. 480–489 (1999) in view of Keana et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., Vol. 108, No. 25, pp. 7951–7957 (1986). By this Amendment, claim 10 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of non-rejected claim 13, and claim 12 is canceled. Claim 11 depends from claim 10 and, thus, also contains the subject matter of non-rejected claim 13. For at least this reason, Applicants submit that claims 10 and 11 distinguish over the applied references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

V. New Claims

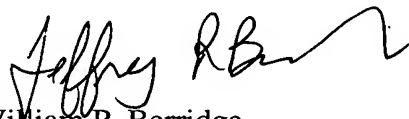
By this Amendment, new claims 26–29 are presented. New claims 26–29 depend from claim 1 and, thus, distinguish over the applied references because claim 1 was not rejected over any of the applied references. Prompt examination and allowance of new claims 26–29 are respectfully requested.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Sequence Listing (paper and computer-readable format copies)

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